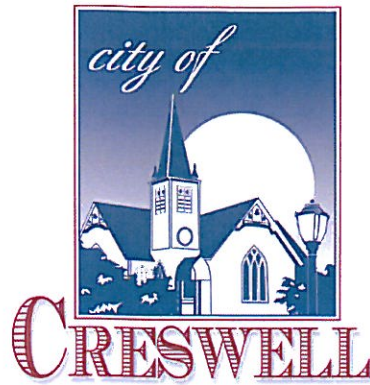


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To: Creswell City Councilors
Creswell City Administrator
Citizens of Creswell

Over this last week, I have given a lot of thought and soul searching to the outcome of the 2012 campaign and election and I have made a very difficult decision that has nothing to do with not being re-elected.

The decision has to do with the way the other candidates, their supporters and the local newspaper conducted themselves during this campaign. Their actions have caused me and my family months of great mental pain and anguish. I never in my life thought people from Creswell could be that disrespectful, mean or hateful to another human being. But I guess you all stepped up and proved me wrong; including some of our so called friends in the community. The personal attacks on me and my family, the name calling, the unfounded accusations and the flat out lying was, and is, beyond belief or comprehension.

I decided long ago that I would never run a campaign to lower myself to the depths of malice and deceit that has been used against me during this last year. I can proudly say there was not one negative comment or action made by me during this or any other campaign. I believe that is a marker of the strength of one's integrity and character.

I have given the last four and a half years to Creswell as the mayor, a resident, a volunteer and a contributor, only to be ousted by the same citizens who admired and respected the job I was doing up until last year. During this same time, I worked with other agencies throughout Lane County and the state as a representative of Creswell. To those agencies, I am well respected for my professionalism, positive attitude and for being able to be a successful collaborator when things need to be done. I don't understand the disparity...do you?

My biggest disappointment is that I will not be the mayor when the new council chamber is completed at city hall. I am very proud to have been involved in the construction of this legacy. I know it stands now, and will stand forever, as the cornerstone of the Creswell community.

I would like to thank those who stood beside me through these very trying months. I truly value your friendship and your confidence in me.

To the rest of you, good luck. You have made choices and decisions that, I feel, will forever negatively impact the future of Creswell. Because of this, effective immediately, I hereby officially resign as the Mayor of Creswell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Hooker".

Bob Hooker